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Sir:

Pursuant to their duty of good faith and candor as set forth in 37 CFR 1.56(a), applicants request that the references cited on attached form PTO-1449 (a copy of which is enclosed) be considered by the Examiner in connection with the search of the prior art required by 37 CFR 1.104.

Enclosed also please find a copy of the International Search Report citing two of these references. The relevance of these two references can be seen from the International Search Report.

Please note that the enclosed Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 9-55069 is discussed on page 3 of the specification. The English abstracts for three Japanese Patent Application Publications are also enclosed.

Please note that the English language translations of three Japanese Patent Application Publications are also enclosed. Please also note that these English translations are machine translations provided by the Japan Patent Office and the Japan Patent Office states that the translations may not precisely reflect the original Japanese text.

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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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